

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2023, AT 4 P.M. IN THE THEATER CONFERENCE ROOM 9955 FREMONT AVENUE, MONTCLAIR, CALIFORNIA**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Johnson (Chair); Council Member Martinez (Committee Member); City Manager Starr; Director of Community Development Diaz; Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia; Captain Reed; Engineering Division Manager Stanton, Project Manager Ortega

Absent: Executive Director of Public Safety/Police Chief Avels; Director of Economic Development Agency Fuentes

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Committee approved the minutes of the meetings of October 20, 2022, November 17, 2022, and February 16, 2023.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT — None**

**V. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT UPDATES/ITEMS**

**A. OPERATIONS**

**1. MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES**

An Operations Activities Report for February 2023 was included with the agenda. There were no questions or issues with the report.

**2. ADDITIONAL ITEMS — None**

**B. FACILITIES**

**1. MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES**

A Facilities Activities Report for February 2023 was included with the agenda. There were no questions or issues with the report.

**2. ADDITIONAL ITEMS — None**

**C. ENGINEERING DIVISION**

**1. Howard Street and Ramona Avenue Roundabout**

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia reported the project will be going to Council this Monday, March 20, 2023, to advertise the project for

construction. The consultant was able to fit the 80-foot diameter roundabout within the right-of-way. Pavers, flashing beacons, high-visible crosswalks with pavers, a monument sign and signage, along with a major storm drain system to address flooding at this location will be implemented as part of the project.

## **2. Parks and Recreation Master Plan**

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia reported a community workshop was held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023. There was additional feedback obtained. **KTU&A**, the consultant, analyzed all of the City's facilities. They determined where the City is lacking parks and how to augment the current facilities or add amenities.

The Draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan will be presented at the City Council Workshop on April 3, 2023. The adoption is projected to happen by May or June 2023.

## **3. Sunset Park Improvements**

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia displayed images of the proposed Sunset Park Improvements between Orchard Street and Kingsley Street. The illustrations depicted walking paths, a playground, a new monument sign, permeable pavers, exercise stations, additional fruit trees, picnic tables, and new restrooms. The theme will be mountains and rivers.

## **VI. POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE/ITEMS — None**

## **VII. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROJECT UPDATES/ITEMS**

Director of Community Development Diaz reported the completion of the building at Mission Boulevard and Monte Vista Avenue. The building will soon be ready for occupancy.

Additionally, he reported progress in remodeling the business center on the northeastern corner of Central Avenue and Palo Verde Street. The projected date of completion is May or June 2023.

## **VIII. CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES**

### **A. LOCAL PROJECTS**

#### **1. Reeder Ranch Park**

Engineering Division Manager Stanton reported that the contract was awarded to PUB Construction on February 21, 2023. All the agreements, bonds, and insurance have been received from the contractor. City staff is now able to schedule a pre-construction meeting for March 30, 2023. City staff expects to issue the notice to proceed on April 14, 2023. The estimated completion date is March 29, 2024.

## B. REGIONAL PROJECTS

### 1. I-10 Corridor Project

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia reported, **Caltrans** continues with their work on Monte Vista Avenue with utility relocation. They are beginning to build a center median in the freeway.

Currently, Monte Vista Avenue under the freeway overpass is reduced to one lane in each direction during the day and closed at night.

On March 31, the Monte Vista Avenue off-ramp will be closed from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m.

On April 11, 2023, the Monte Vista Avenue westbound on and off-ramp will be reduced to one lane and have restricted turning lanes.

A ten-day closure is scheduled at both westbound on and off-ramps on Central Avenue from April 18, 2023, through April 28, 2023.

## IX. COMMITTEE AND CITY MANAGER ITEMS

City Manager Starr reported that yesterday, **Congresswoman Norma Torres** presented the Police Department with an \$800,000 check for body-worn cameras.

City Manager Starr continued that earlier today, he and Director of Economic Development Agency Fuentes met with the City's federal legislative advocate and US Senator's Office representatives for this year's community program funding requests.

Three requests will be made:

- \$3.5 million for affordable housing to restore the homes and make them available to low-income members of the community.
- \$2.5 million for Transcenter improvements such as benches, trashcans, the installation of a bike storage center, and restoring canopies.
- \$4.5 million for the San Antonio Creek Trail improvements.

City Manager Starr is hopeful one of the three will be funded this year. The City has been able to obtain funding consistently for one of three requests the last two years.

City Manager Starr reported the status of the ongoing **Gold Line** funding issue. The **Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority (Construction Authority)** announced major construction of the **Gold Line** is near completion. From April 2023 through the end of 2024, the focus will be to complete the installation of the facility to operate the **Gold Line** and the construction of the stations in the four cities that will be receiving **Gold Line** service: Glendora, San Dimas, La Verne, and Pomona.

The previously estimated cost of funding to complete the **Gold Line** from Pomona to Montclair was \$798 million. The **Construction Authority** believes there will be a \$40 million surplus from the current project, reducing the amount sought by the City to around \$750 million.

City Manager Starr reported the **Construction Authority** has approached the **San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGV COG)** to allocate funds from Los Angeles County's **Measure R** to the **Gold Line**. Four years ago, **SGV COG** agreed to

contribute \$125 million from **Measure R** for construction of the **Gold Line** from La Verne to Pomona. The **Construction Authority** is hopeful the **SGV COG** will do so again.

City Manager Starr noted while there are \$4 billion for transit-related projects in the state budget, the governor has decided to use the funds to balance the state's \$21 billion deficit. Legislative representatives have stated that they will work with the governor to try and hold on to \$2-3 billion to ensure some funding goes to the **Gold Line**. Considering the obstacles encountered to fund the **Gold Line** from Pomona to Montclair, City Manager Starr is hopeful the project will be completed by 2030.

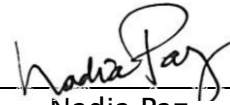
#### X. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Public Works Committee cancelled the next regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, April 20, 2023, due to lack of a quorum.

At 4:28 p.m., Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting of the Public Works Committee.

The next meeting of the Public Works Committee is scheduled to be held at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 18, 2023.

Submitted for Public Works Committee approval,



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Nadia Paz

Transcribing Secretary